

1) Regional Leadership Forum meetings: central and local government

- The next COBOP Regional Leadership Forum (RLF) will be held July 13th with a focus on the [Provincial Growth Fund](http://www.mbie.govt.nz/info-services/sectors-industries/regions-cities/regional-economic-development/pdf-image-library/provincial-growth-fund.pdf) (<http://www.mbie.govt.nz/info-services/sectors-industries/regions-cities/regional-economic-development/pdf-image-library/provincial-growth-fund.pdf>).
- COBOP will also have an opportunity to be part of the Bay of Connections review at this meeting.
- Past RLF presentations are [available here](http://www.cobop.govt.nz/leadership-forum) (<http://www.cobop.govt.nz/leadership-forum>) on the COBOP website. Please contact the [COBOP Coordinator \(samepage101@icloud.com\)](mailto:samepage101@icloud.com) for RLF summary notes.

2) Action Clusters Update:

Practical working groups devolved from key challenges and opportunities agreed on by the COBOP RLF in 2017.

Housing and Health:

- The forum has taken the recommended actions from the Empowering Communities Workshop (held on 14th November in Rotorua with community representatives, agencies and landlord representatives) and prepared a proposal for the COBOP Steering Group to consider seed funding for further scoping of these ideas into projects. Proposal due 4th May.
- Toi Te Ora Public Health have launched the region wide healthy homes pre-winter media campaign, purposed to provide information on a range of practical things that families can do. E.g. around minimising dampness and improving ventilation. Media channels include: media release; social media advertising – advertising on Facebook and Instagram and Facebook boosted posts promoting the nine videos on Key tips to keep your home warm and dry; digital – https://www.ttophs.govt.nz/healthy_homes and <http://www.bopdhb.govt.nz/health-advice/healthy-homes/>, radio advertising; articles in Bay of Plenty DHB and Toi Te Ora Public Health publications. The forum agencies and wider COBOP network support the promotion of this.
- Healthy Housing Initiative newsletter can be subscribed to through James.Scarfe@bopdhb.govt.nz
- Agencies include: EECA, Toi Te Ora Public Health (Chair), BayTrust, Ministry of Social Development, Te Puni Kokiri, Dept of Internal Affairs, Kawerau District Council, Whakatane District Council, Tauranga City Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, Taupo District Council, BOP Regional Council, WBOP District Council, Lakes and BOP DHB's. More information here: http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/healthy_homes_housing_forum.

Workforce Development/Employment:

- The regional Labour Market Strategy has been signed off by BOP Tertiary Intentions Group. Located here: <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/vdb/document/600>
- Implementing the strategy into action will require further scoping. MBIE, BOC, Priority One (BOPTI lead) and COBOP are meeting late April to: look at a brief recap of the strategy and themes, be updated on Wellington discussions and have an implementation/planning discussion. COBOP will ensure that the TLA's and other relevant CG agencies connected are into this process where applicable.
- [BOPTI](http://www.bopti.co.nz/) (<http://www.bopti.co.nz/>) continue to lead this work. Key contact: Brendon Gardner at MBIE Brendon.Gardner@mbie.govt.nz

Environmental Sustainability - Climate Change focus

- In February this cluster purposed to reset with a sole focus on climate change. Early April the group met and workshopped what this might look like.
- A working group of Stephen Lamb, James Graham (BOPRC), Cashy Ball (WDC) and Glen Crowther SBN will work on the new TOR and plan to involve other stakeholders.
- BOPRC will remain as the Chair for this in the interim, however this may change with new participants and direction.
- A key contact with MFE has been made for this group.
- *Agencies (at present) include: Toi Te Ora Public Health, Te Puni Kokiri, Kawerau District Council, Whakatane District Council, Tauranga City Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, BOP Regional Council (Chair), WBOP District Council, Dept of Internal Affairs and the Dept of Conservation. The cluster has also connected with SBN BOP and BayTrust regarding cluster objectives and connections.*

CONNECT:

- At the last meeting in March Alastair Rhodes (CE BayTrust) highlighted the work of BayTrust in the region. Leon Fourie (Toi Ohomai) also gave an update on the changing tertiary sector, the status of Tertiary Partnership (BOPTI) and how is Toi Ohomai placed to respond to sector changes.
- CONNECT next meeting on 6th June.
- Key areas for further discussion in 2018 include: tourism; transport; climate change and sustainable business; housing and health (workforce and employee focus).
- *Agencies (at present) include: NZTA, DIA, TOI EDA Project, EXPORTNZ, IOD, MBIE, MSD, WNT Ventures, Rotorua, Tauranga and Eastern BOP Chambers of Commerce, BOPRC, Taupo DC, Maori Business Network, Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi, Grow Rotorua, Western BOPDC, TPK, Sustainable Business Network, Kawerau DC, Priority One, Kawerau Enterprise Agency, NZT&E, ACC, Venture Centre, SmartGrowth, MPI, Tourism Bay of Plenty, Rotorua Economic Development Board, Tauranga Maori Business Assn, Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology, Akina Foundation, Priority One, Tauranga CC, Ngati Ranginui Iwi, Whakatane DC.*

Community Safety

- Cluster participants agreed to this cluster 'on hold' until a firm direction and Chair are established, however continue to use the group to share information and connections.
- Safer Communities TGA/WBOP have been approached by Water Safety NZ with a regional project and have used this cluster (across councils and CG agencies) to connect into this regionally. For more information on this project contact Alana.Rapson@tauranga.govt.nz

3) Further information

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